Trust in God, Not in Possessions. Someone in the crowd said to him.

“Teacher, tell my brother to give me my share of our inheritance.”

He replied, “Friend, who has set me up as your judge or arbiter?”

Then he said to the crowd, “Avoid greed in all its forms.

A man may be wealthy, but his possessions do not guarantee him life.” Luke 12 V13 -14.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to our final term of 2014! The children have transitioned into school mode quite well and many are excited about the events that are on the school planner in Term 4.

- This week we have had the Life Education Van visiting our school. Every class from Kindergarten to Year 6 will visit the van and enjoy an informative lesson from teachers, Tania Whisson and Sarah Mawer. Life Education is about encouraging young people to make healthy lifestyle choices on a range of important issues. Some of the topics covered in Junior Primary include: hygiene, sun safety, healthy foods, the importance of sleep, syringe awareness safety, appropriate alternatives to medicine, safe use and storage of medicines and safety in public places. Upper primary topics include: friendship, bullying, emotions, support networks, active lifestyles, medicinal drugs, medical and legal drugs, smoking, peer influences and reducing risky situations.

- Other events planned for this term include the Interschool Athletics Carnival on the 24th October, the Junior Carnival for PP – Year 2 children on 30th October, the Musica Viva incursion on 3rd November, the Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Meetings on 17th and 19th November, Kindy transition to Pre Primary meetings on 26th and 27th November, Saint Andrew’s Day Celebrations on Friday 28th November, Christmas Mass on 3rd December, Year 6 Graduation Mass and Ceremony on 9th December and Final Assembly and Volunteers Morning Tea on 11th December.


Summer Uniform: All students are expected to be wearing full summer uniform by the start of next week (Week 2, Term 4). Details of appropriate uniform can be found in the Year 3 – 6 student diaries or alternatively by contacting the office staff who will happily relay the correct information.

Magical Moments and Windows on my Work: These went home at the end of Term 3. I remind all parents and guardians that these folders come back to school this year and are to be returned to the classroom teachers by the end of Week 3, Term 4. These folders are re used in 2015.

God bless you

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
Life Education Mobile Learning Centre
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Mr Warren Smith
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

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Many Happy Returns to………..


Principalship of Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School: In week 10 of Term 3 a letter written by our School Board Chairperson, Mrs Judith Birchall went home to every family. This letter informed the community that Mrs Eileen Climo had been successful in her application to join the Catholic Education Office as a School Improvement Advisor effective January 1st, 2015. Mrs Climo has been the substantive Principal of Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary for seven years and in that time has led the community whilst displaying strength, great knowledge, vision and skill. Over the coming weeks interviews will be held in order to select a new Principal. We will greatly miss Mrs Climo’s leadership and friendship. One of our School Board members together with our parish priest Father Robert Carrillo will be involved in this important process. Let us all pray for a wonderful outcome that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. The community can expect to be advised of the new appointment at some stage in Week 5 this term. We will be formally farewelling Mrs Climo later this term and will keep everyone posted when we have news of her availability.
Term 3 Athletics Carnivals: Late in Term 3 we had the Faction Athletics and Field Events carnivals for students in Year 3 - 6. I congratulate all children for participating in a spirit of self-challenge and joy! On Friday 19th September the following children received medals for excellence in Track and Field:

Year 3 Boys: 1st Declan M 2nd Nicholas H & Angus M 3rd Zac D
Year 3 Girls: 1st Hannah K 2nd Nyankam M 3rd Lily S
Year 4 Boys: 1st Anthony G 2nd Ben C 3rd Nikita P
Year 4 Girls: 1st Amy B 2nd Christine F 3rd Zoey J
Year 5 Boys: 1st Emilio E 2nd Levi R & Simon F 3rd Mathiang M
Year 5 Girls: 1st Rosie Meier 2nd Erin M 3rd Nyandeng D
Year 6 Boys: 1st Jye Allen 2nd Kaman M 3rd Ethan W
Year 6 Girls: 1st Emilie Graham 2nd Millie M 3rd Emysen R

The Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Kynan D and Emilie G.

The winning Faction Trophy was awarded to Blue Faction.

Faction Trophy scores:
Green: 706
Red: 800
Blue: 877

The Year 1 building project has sprung to life in the last six weeks after several weeks of dormancy! During the Term 3 holidays Cercon dismantled the current Kindy Gold toilet area in order that additional toilets were added to those that are already in existence. This work will be completed in the next week or so. With reference to the future Year 1 building, the site work and pad have been completed and with ever improving weather we can look forward to completion of the rammed earth walls. It won’t be long and the roof will be constructed!

Car Parking during the Year 1 Build: Thank you to the overwhelmingly supportive parents who have so patiently travelled the route of common sense since we closed the kiss’n ride. We are well aware of the ongoing issues with our pick up / drop off arrangements. I ask that where possible parents of younger children continue to park their cars in the Anthony Waring Oval car park which has 93 car bays or the St Andrew’s Catholic Church car park which has 31 car bays. Older children may require minimal supervision to negotiate entry to school gates from the Anthony Waring oval car park. However, there will be no issues in walking in to school from the church car park. We have an additional 40 parking bays in front of the hall. Where possible avoid parking in the area in front of gate 4; this can be convenient but an absolute trial if you can’t get out. Please respect the lawns, gardens and reticulation of our neighbours. It is paramount that we coexist harmoniously.

Quality student lunches: Several staff members have come to me expressing concern over what some students eat during recess and lunchtime at school. Subsequently, I myself have been out on duty and whilst supervising students have observed what is being eaten. It is fair to say that the overwhelming majority of students are provided with nutritious, low sugar – low salt food options and an occasional treat. However, I believe that some parents and guardians need to be more vigilant about food options for their children especially where the children are doing their school dietary selections in an unsupervised manner. The other day a teacher showed me a lunchbox containing 5 packets of salted chips, 2 small plastic packets of m and m’s and one banana. It is simply not acceptable that children have a lunchbox filled with inappropriate foods and drinks. Good food leads to good energy levels and hopefully best performances at school.
**Important Reminder:** When a child is absent from school for any reason, parents should be sending a note, signed, dated and a reason given for the child being away.

To clarify, if your child is away, you need to:

1. **Send in a note prior to the absence, signed, dated and reason given.**

Or… in the event of unexpected illness:

2. **Ring the office to let us know and then send in a note when the child returns, signed, dated and reason given.**

Teachers will be checking all notes this week and may be contacting you to send in missing notes or notes still required when only a telephone message has been received. We appreciate your support and understanding with this matter.

**Please consider joining the P & F Committee:** This wonderful group of volunteers give significant time to the school; particularly to organising events that are family inclusive or occasionally to events that are specifically for the students. We are now approaching the time of the year when the members consider their position in relation to involvement in 2015. Consider: How good would the school be if more parents donated some of their time? Example: The 20 marvellous volunteers who pitched in and facilitated the excellent discos in mid Term 3.

**Congratulations Mrs Birchall:** Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Teacher Assistant Mrs Judith Birchall has recently graduated as a teacher of Indigenous language. Mrs Birchall specialises in the Noongar Language. We look forward to the children continuing to grow in their understanding of the Noongar Language and congratulate Judith on her milestone!

**Parenting Ideas - Building Deep Relationships with Children**

Building a strong relationship with their children is every parent’s dream. Here are some time-honoured ways of doing this…. If you can stick to them! An effective way of promoting a great relationship is through mutual rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every child no matter what their age is expected to come to the meal table. Children in these families are generally also expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

This can require some parenting spine, but these rituals build wide relationships – that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wider circle. Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. They also survive the potential storms of adolescence, during which relationships can become stormy and intense.

Certainly some ages are more amenable to positive relationship building than others. Developmentally, it is easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency: five through to ten years of age.

The easiest way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your children is to spend regular one-on-one time together. Do things such as: talk, cook, mooch, go away for a day together or set aside some time each week, have a shared interest. One-on-one time needs to be organised as it won’t happen by accident. It takes time and energy. It takes a support mechanism.

**One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.** For more information go to Parentingideas.com
On Monday, Year 2 Blue visited the Life Education van.

The program we completed was called ‘Clued Up’.

**During our visit, I learnt:**

...you must tell an adult if you go out. Luke
...you must eat healthy food to keep you healthy. Macy
...about my body parts – brain, lungs and heart. Noah
...I eat healthy food to keep my body healthy. Caitlyn

...we need to do lots of exercise to keep healthy and eat lots of healthy foods. Tristan
...you must never touch a needle and you must tell an adult. Oliver

...a brain is the most important part of the body. Ryder
...we need lots of sleep for our body to recover. Priscilla
...about my body parts and where they are in my body. James
...to always tell somebody where you are going. Tamsin

...to tell an adult where I am going so they don’t get worried. Grace O
...about body parts and where they are in my body. Samuel

...about the network of people, for example a police officer if I am feeling unsafe. Savannah

...to wear a helmet when riding my bike to protect my brain. Deegan

...never to pick up a needle and to always tell an adult. Brooke

... I must make good choices about food and drink lots of water. Krystal

... we must always do lots of exercise to keep our bodies healthy. Charlotte

...never to pick up needles and always tell an adult. Diarmuid

...you must always tell an adult where you are going so they do not worry. Grace W

...you must tell an adult if you are going somewhere. Hayley

...if you find a needle - don’t bury it, instead you must tell an adult. Harrison

... you have to eat lots of healthy food and drink lots of water. Trinity
Parents Victoria Online Conference
October 2014 & May 2015
First four days: 6am Monday 27 October 2014 to 11pm Thursday 30 October (Australian Eastern Standard time)
Register (for no cost) at: http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/
* Principals, headmasters and teachers are invited to inform parents of this no-cost opportunity for discussion and debate. *The topics are provided in this email.

7 October 2014
PARENTS of primary and secondary students, in all Australian States, Territories and countries, in government, Catholic and independent schools, are warmly invited to take part in the Parents Victoria (two-part) online conference, which will be held over four days in October 2014 and a further four days during Education Week in May 2015 (there will be no need to re-register for the second section).

No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in; online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in for all of the eight days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments. The conference is open 24/7 and is moderated between 6am to 11pm. Posts outside 6am to 11pm may not appear on the website until the following day.

Topics
The four one-day topics are Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). The ongoing topic of Funding, an additional topic, will run for the entire four days. There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues.
DAY 1: Monday 27 October: Homework - how much and when? Hosted by: Victoria Hall, DEECD & Leanne McCurdy, Parents Victoria
DAY 2: Tuesday 28 October: Access. How and why is it important to you for your child to have access to high quality state school education in your local community? Hosted by Christine Hall, Our Children Our Schools & Elaine Crowle, Parents Victoria
DAY 3: Wednesday 29 October: Reporting. What do you really want to know about your child’s progress at school? When and how would you prefer to receive this information? Hosted by Kathryn Patford, DEECD & Nicole Sweeney, Parents Victoria
DAY 4: Thursday 30 October: BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). BYOD is a fast-growing trend in our schools; how is this working for your family? Hosted by Peter Maggs, DEECD & Sharron Healy, Parents Victoria
FOUR-DAY ONGOING TOPIC: 27-30 October inclusive: Funding. What should the government pay for? What, when and how should assistance be provided for disadvantaged students?

How to register
Register and confirm your participation (for no cost) at: http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/
*Once your registration has been saved, you will receive an email when the conference starts (at 6am on Monday 27 October) letting you know the exact website address of the online conference.

If receive this email but you have already registered, there is no need to register again. Simply note the extra information on the topics and the particular days each topic is being discussed. *All those who register will be sent an email with the online conference website address when the conference opens at 6am on 27 October.

Format of the online conference
The first section of the online conference will feature four ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria as well as another expert commentator. Each day will focus on a different topic that is currently of concern to parents. There will also be one continuous online discussion that will last for the entire four days. I look forward to meeting all of you online soon, to discuss these important issues. The more of you join in, the more successful this event will be.

Best wishes,
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